

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original): A method for improving an electric link between a contact and a cable comprising strands, the strands of the cable being designed to cooperate with a wall of the contact, wherein an intermediate metal layer is pressed against this wall to make the strands cooperate with this metal layer.

2. (Original): A method according to claim 1, wherein coefficients of expansion of the strands of the cable and of the contact are different and wherein it is chosen to form the metal layer out of a ductile material.

3. (Currently Amended): A method according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 2~~ claim 1, wherein a layer of silver or tin is chosen for being pressed against the wall of the copper contact designed to cooperate with the aluminum strands of the cable.

4. (Currently Amended): A method according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein a pressing means is used, this means comprising a die and a punch, and wherein the die is placed around the contact, the punch being designed to drive the metal layer into a cavity against the wall.

5. (Original): A method according to claim 4 wherein the die is removed from the contact in sectioning the outer rim of the metal layer so as to form a collar at an aperture of the cavity.

6. (Currently Amended): A method according to ~~one of the claims 4 to 5~~ claim 4 wherein a punch made of hardened steel is chosen.

7. (Currently Amended): A method according to ~~one of the claims 4 to 6~~ claim 4 wherein the barrel has a hole to discharge the air contained in the cavity during the penetration by the punch.

8. (Currently Amended): A method according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1

wherein an external wall of the contact against which the strands are placed and with which they cooperate is covered by the metal layer.

9. (Currently Amended): A method according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1 wherein a metal layer 0.1 millimeter thick is used.

10. (Currently Amended): A connector assembly comprising a contact and a cable, strands of the cable being inserted into a cavity of the contact, a metal layer having been pressed beforehand against this wall by a method according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1.